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Board of Appeals and Interferences **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the

Examiner's Decision, in the Official Action dated January 31, 2001, finally rejecting claims 19-08/01/2001 CNGUYEN 00000060 09467221

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- (1) [X] This response is being filed within the third month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a three-month extension of time. A check covering the extension fee of \$890.00 is enclosed.
- (2) [X] Notice of Appeal Fee Under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e): \$310.00
 - [X] Enclosed
 - [] Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)
- (3) [X] Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- (4) [X] An Oral Hearing is requested.(Two additional copies of the Notice are enclosed herewith).

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